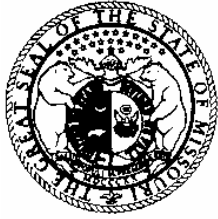


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Final Situation Report Winter Flooding Event March 24, 2008, 10 a.m.

UPDATED INFORMATION IS IN BOLD

SUMMARY

Water levels are going down today over many flooded areas of Missouri. Colder weather has returned to the State, with light precipitation in the form of rain, freezing rain or snow being reported – although not in significant amounts. The number of deaths remains at five. MoDOT reports 94 locations on state roads are currently closed due to flash flooding. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reports its levees, including a one threatened by high water in Valley Park, are in good shape today (3/23). **Only 3 shelters remain open with 9 citizens being served.**

Gov. Matt Blunt signed two State of Emergency Executive Orders for the severe weather and flooding that has struck Missouri. The executive orders activated the State Emergency Operations Center allowing state agency resources to assist local jurisdictions with their emergency response, and activated the Missouri National Guard to assist with protective action.

On Wednesday, The President approved Governor Blunt's request for an expedited disaster declaration. The President's action makes federal funding available to the state and eligible local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations on a cost-sharing basis for emergency protective measures, limited to direct federal assistance. Before federal assistance can be available for individuals and businesses, SEMA and FEMA will conduct damage assessments in the 70 counties after the floodwaters have receded. **These Individual Assessments are set to begin this week.** Governor Blunt signed Executive Order 08-12 for DNR to issue Debris/Demolition/Burn Waivers on March 21, 2008. DNR issued the necessary notice late on Friday, March 21, 2008.

Effective immediately, the state EOC will operate normal hours (7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.). Any requests for assistance after hours should be directed to the SEMA Duty Officer at 573-751-2748.

County Reports:

Jefferson County – Waters are receding and the Emergency Management Agency has moved into the Recovery mode. Only two roads were closed this morning.

St. Louis County –Flood level at Valley Park is 22 feet and dropping rapidly. I-44 was opened for rush hour this morning. No Law Enforcement issues of note. Back to normal operations today. St. Louis County Department of Health working issues with DNR. No shelters were opened in the overnight. 30 county roads are still closed. Most will open as debris is removed and inspections completed.

State Agencies

State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) will operate normal hours (7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.). Any requests for assistance after hours should be directed to the SEMA Duty Officer at 573-751-2748.

SEMA damage assessments will start Tuesday with the focus will be on Individual Assistance.

Department of Conservation – DOC crews were working in Wayne County and Reynolds County doing emergency road clearance.

Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) – DHSS assessing affects of flooding on local nursing homes, hospitals and health clinics. DHSS is working with City of Noel in McDonald County and monitoring possible effects of a flooded pharmacy in Doniphan in Ripley County. DHSS confirmed that Advance Home Health Agency is relocating their patient records only to the Advance Hospital located in Ellington. Local public health agencies are providing tetanus vaccines for MoDOT employees in impacted areas. DHSS Protective Services staffs are conducting wellness checks on their clients. Press releases on food and water safety, and waiving fee for private well-water testing have been issued.

Department of Mental Health (DMH) – DMH has many pamphlets and other important information that can assist victims to cope with the disaster. They may be downloaded from their website at www.dmh.mo.gov. Working on developing a crisis counseling grant to handle problems of local victims.

Department of Natural Resources (DNR) – DNR Water is checking on public water systems in St. Louis County, Franklin County and Jefferson County. Boiling water orders are being recommended where damage has allowed possible contaminants into the system. City of Piedmont may be out of potable water for as long as a week. As a result of Executive Order 08-12, DNR has issued a burn/demolition waiver for debris and other waste. The specifics of the Order can be viewed on the DNR website (www.dnr.mo.gov) DNR now moving into Recovery-related HazMat issues, such as the recovery of storage tanks and materials. DNR is going to do a fly-over looking for HazMat problems in the flooded areas. Anyone seeing hazardous materials problems should call the DNR spill line at 573.634.2436.

Department of Social Services (DSS) – Family Support Division County Managers throughout the southern portion of Missouri have maintained contact with their local emergency management officials to offer services where needed during this week's flash flooding. Wayne County staff assisted with serving lunch to emergency management workers, Bollinger County staff assisted at shelters at the First Baptist Church in Marble Hill and Zalma Baptist Church in Zalma, Stone County staff assisted at the shelter at the Assembly of God Church in Galena, and Butler County staff assisted at the Black River Coliseum shelter. Children's Division staff from Reynolds County helped out at the Southern Reynolds County School shelter. Franklin County staff is assisting at the River Bend School shelter and Cape Girardeau County staff is assisting at the Delta Civic Center shelter. Children's Division staff also assisting with the process of checking on the safety of foster children and are checking at shelters to assist with caring for school-age children. Managers will continue to maintain contact with local officials as needed throughout this emergency event.

Department of Transportation (MoDOT) – MoDOT is reporting 60 road closures as of Monday afternoon. U.S. 60 is closed in one lane near Rogersville. They are cleaning up and removing barriers. Only major damage is to Mo. Route 106 in Shannon County.

Missouri Information Analysis Center – MIAC has been assisting SEMA in updating the situation throughout the State.

Missouri National Guard (MoNG) – 7th Civil Support Team is available to support DNR in identifying HazMat

Missouri Office of Administration (OA) – Several OA and Dept. of Conservation staff were in Wayne County to assess the water system infrastructure in Piedmont and Patterson. OA is on-site at State EOC to try to assist local jurisdictions with their resource needs. OA also monitoring possible effects of flooding on state-owned facilities.

Missouri State Fire Marshal – MSFM has stood down from response operations.

Missouri State Highway Patrol (MSHP) – MSHP has stood down from response operations.

Missouri State Water Patrol – MSWP has stood down from response operations.

Non Government Organizations/Volunteer Organizations:

American Red Cross (ARC) is assisting with setting up shelters and providing clean up kits as needed. Moving into Recovery phase to begin doing damage assessments. **ARC is standing up three service centers at Piedmont, Poplar Bluff and Advance.**

AmeriCorps – 15 volunteers were moved to St. Louis area to assist with flood response there. Others assisted in efforts in Butler, Shannon, Carter, Reynolds, and Wayne Counties. Staff is also on-site at SEOC (2 people). Assisting with damage assessment in south-central and southeastern Missouri.

Missouri Humane Society – MHS has assisted about 1,500 animals. They had been activated in Southern and Eastern Missouri. They are watching the Caruthersville to see if they need any assistance with animal rescue

Salvation Army (SA) – SA has two mobile feeding centers at Eureka and Pacific. SA is providing flood clean up kits to local jurisdictions.

United Way - 211 – is for Non-Emergency calls only....only for information. 211 received 13 calls from flood-affected people in the 24-hour period ending this morning (3/24).

Weather

National Weather Service (St. Louis) indicates that it will be warmer than yesterday. Highs will increase as the week progresses. There is an increased chance of precipitation as the temperatures get higher and more moisture comes in from the Gulf of Mexico. Next chance of showers will be late Tuesday into Wednesday.

Point of Contact:

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Please Note: *This is the final report for this Winter Flooding event. We do not anticipate further Situation Reports, however SEMA reserves the right to issue further reports should events warrant.*